

**RCW 36.57.090 Acquisition of existing transportation system—
Assumption of labor contracts—Transfer of employees—Preservation of
benefits—Collective bargaining.** A county transportation authority
may acquire any existing transportation system by conveyance, sale, or
lease. In any purchase from a county or city, the authority shall
receive credit from the county or city for any federal assistance and
state matching assistance used by the county or city in acquiring any
portion of such system. The authority shall assume and observe all
existing labor contracts relating to such system and, to the extent
necessary for operation of facilities, all of the employees of such
acquired transportation system whose duties are necessary to operate
efficiently the facilities acquired shall be appointed to comparable
positions to those which they held at the time of such transfer, and
no employee or retired or pensioned employee of such systems shall be
placed in any worse position with respect to pension seniority, wages,
sick leave, vacation or other benefits that he or she enjoyed as an
employee of such system prior to such acquisition. The authority shall
engage in collective bargaining with the duly appointed
representatives of any employee labor organization having existing
contracts with the acquired transportation system and may enter into
labor contracts with such employee labor organization. [2009 c 549 §
4096; 1974 ex.s. c 167 § 9.]